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SUBJECT: SOHYO ADOPTS AUTUMN STRUGGLE POLICY

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1. SUMMARY. SOHYO SEPT. 19 ADOPTED QTE AUTUMN STRUGGLE UNQTE POLICY OBJECTIVES AND TACTICS. BASIC UNION OBJECTIVES ARE TO HOLD DOWN PRICES AND WIN AN INFLATION ALLOWANCE. FIRST ACTION HALF HOUR STRIKE SEPT. 27 BY JNR AND POSTAL WORKERS. SHORT STRIKES IN BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR SCHEDULED NOV. 18-20. END SUMMARY.

2. SOHYO (GENERAL COUNCIL OF JAPANESE TRADE UNIONS, MEMBERSHIP 4.3 MILLION) IN MEETING INCLUDING ALL TOP AFFILIATES SEPT. 19 ADOPTED OBJECTIVES AND PLAN OF ACTION FOR ITS AUTUMN STRUGGLE. PLANS INCLUDED OPPOSITION TO PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT AS PART OF UNION'S STRUGGLE AGAINST GOJ QTE REACTIONARY UNQTE POLICIES (SEE REFTEL).

3. BASIC STRUGGLE OBJECTIVES ARE (A) END INFLATIONARY
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SPIRAL; (B) COMPENSATE WORKERS FOR INFLATION'S EROSION

OF THEIR REAL WAGES SO FAR THIS YEAR; (C) GRANT STRIKE
RIGHT TO PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES; (D) PROVIDE EMPLOY-
MENT SECURITY (NO LAYOFFS OR REDUCTIONS IN LEVELS OF
EMPLOYMENT); (E) ESTABLISH A MINIMUM WAGE SYSTEM; (F)
PUSH JSP'S QTE PEACE CAMPAIGN UNQTE BLOCKING THE LDP
AND GOJ QTE REACTIONARY POLITICS UNQTE.

4. IN FIRST ROUND OF STRUGGLE, KOKURO AND DORO (JAPANESE
NATIONAL RAILWAY UNIONS) AND KENTEI (POSTAL WORKERS) WILL
STRIKE FOR 30 MINUTES SEPT. 27, AND UP TO 100,000
(SAYS SOHYO) WILL DEMONSTRATE SEPT. 29 PROTESTING RISES
IN RICE AND PUBLIC UTILITY PRICES. SECOND ROUND IN
OCTOBER WILL BE INDIVIDUAL UNION DEMANDS ON EMPLOYERS
FOR SPECIAL INFLATION ALLOWANCE OF ONE MONTH'S BASE PAY.
THIRD ROUND TO INCLUDE STRIKES AND OTHER DISPUTE ACTIONS
IN BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS NOV. 18-20. FINAL
ROUND SCHEDULED DEC. 5-15 WITH MASS RALLIES.
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